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Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance

Sudan Agricultural Marketing and Enterprise Development (AMED) Program



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AMED Mission & Activities

The mission of **VEGA's Agricultural Market and Enterprise Development (AMED)** program is to help achieve comprehensive economic recovery and growth in the presently fragile state of Southern Sudan. The program will achieve this goal through the following project activities:

- Capacity building in agricultural and natural resources systems;
- Direct support to private enterprises and producers;
- Support to governmental and non-governmental agencies that must facilitate recovery;
- Assistance to the GOSS in strengthening its economic policies and support systems; and
- Drawing upon the skills and participation of the Southern Sudan's Diaspora to assist in economic development.

Use of Volunteers

Throughout the life of the program, VEGA/ AMED will provide approximately 200 short-term volunteers, 8 Long-Term Business Adviser, and up to 25 long-term volunteers from the Southern Sudanese Diaspora. If Diaspora volunteers are unavailable, then long-term volunteers with strong technical capacities will be recruited. A pool of funds will support the development and test marketing of trade activities and another pool of grant funds will be allocated to support association, chamber of commerce or cooperative development.



AMED Objectives

Program Objective

As Southern Sudan emerges from a period of conflict, it is essential to rebuild its private sector, strengthening its domestic and international trade capacities to lay the basis for an effectively functioning economy. To this end, AMED has three primary objectives:

- Improve the productivity and competitiveness of Southern Sudan private enterprises;
- Establish Government of Southern Sudan (GOSS) policy, regulatory, and investment plans supportive of growth and private sector productivity and trade; and
- Establish institutions and programs to increase the competitiveness of Southern Sudan's agriculture and industry.

VEGA will draw upon its five implementing member organizations' existing field capabilities and will hire a highly experienced and skilled full-time field staff for management and logistics that will be based in Southern Sudan and in Nairobi, Kenya.

Program Duration

July 2005-September 2008



VEGA Overview

"VEGA is designed to greatly enhance the Agency's ability to partner with volunteer organizations that provide technical assistance in many areas of economic growth."

- Andrew S. Natsios, Former Administrator of USAID

The Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA) is the world's largest consortium of economic growth volunteer organizations providing technical expertise in private sector development. Collectively, VEGA has more than 350 years of experience in mobilizing American volunteers to support economic growth in developing countries (including post-conflict and transition), and in designing and implementing successful technical assistance projects across the spectrum of economic growth activities worldwide.

VEGA is demand driven and provides comprehensive resources with a single point of contact. Program designs are consolidated, but created through a collaborative process based on our members' extensive expertise in:

- **Private Sector Development**
- **Financial Services**
- **Agribusiness Development**
- **Opportunities for Rural and Urban Poor**

In addition to VEGA Member Organizations' expertise in implementing activities, VEGA professionals are available to assist donor organizations in designing and developing economic growth assistance projects to meet a country's specific needs. Given its experience in economic growth activities, VEGA members are able to employ best practices and volunteer assistance models that have been developed and tested by its member organizations over several years, and have proven successful. VEGA creates sustainable practices and institutions for the future, while assisting government and private sector partners overseas to build economic and trade links to American businesses, trade associations and skilled entrepreneurs.

